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Tiered Object-Related Trust Decisions

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully petitions to make this application special according to the requirements of MPEP § 708.02, ¶VIII, ("Special Examining Procedure For Certain New Applications - Accelerated Examination"). In support of this Petition, the Applicant submits the following:

1. A fee in the amount of \$130.00 as set for in 37 CFR § 1.17(h);
2. A copy of claims directed to a single invention;
3. Statement that a pre-examination was made;

4. One copy of each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of the claims; and

5. A discussion of the references pointing out with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c), how the claims are allowable over the references.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be made special.

CLAIMS DIRECTED TO A SINGLE INVENTION

A detailed listing of all of originally filed Claims 1 – 30 and newly submitted Claims 31 and 32 is provided below. A status identifier is provided for each claim in a parenthetical expression following each claim number, with the status reflecting any changes made by the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment.

1. (Previously Presented) In connection with a computer having a user interface, a method comprising:

displaying an advisory that an action for an object associated with a webpage is blocked;

displaying a description of the object; and

displaying an interactive prompt corresponding to the object,

wherein the advisory is displayed in a modeless prompt.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the interactive prompt enables user interaction to unblock the action.

Claims 3 and 4: Canceled

5. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

displaying an advisory that an action for an object associated with a webpage is blocked; and

displaying a description of the object,
wherein the description of the object is displayed in connection with a sequential listing of blocked objects associated with the webpage.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the description of the object is displayed in accordance with descriptions of further blocked objects associated with the webpage, and

the method further comprises enabling at least one of the blocked object and the further blocked objects to be acted upon.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein displaying the description of the object is performed in response to a user action.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein displaying the description of the object is performed in response to a user action including clicking as a pointer hovers over a portion of the advisory.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the object is associated with the webpage, and includes any one of downloadable code, a URL, a popup window, or a link to a file.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the object is a link to an object on a remote server, wherein further the object on the remote server includes any one of downloadable code, script, a popup window, a link to a video file, a link to an audio file, or a link to a text file.

11. (Previously Presented) In connection with a computer, a user interface to provide a prompt in accordance with detected objects associated with a webpage, comprising:

a text field to display an advisory that an action for an object associated with a webpage has been suppressed; and

an interface to display a description of the object.

12. (Original) A user interface according to Claim 11, wherein the text field displaces the webpage.

13. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to Claim 11, further comprising a modal prompt to enable user interaction with the text field to activate the action.

14. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to Claim 11, further comprising a modal prompt to enable a user to activate the action as a cursor points to a portion of the text field.

15. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to Claim 11, wherein the description of the object is displayed in association with a cascading listing of objects associated with the web page having corresponding actions suppressed.

Claims 16 and 17: Canceled

18. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to Claim 11, wherein the object is associated with the webpage, and includes any one of downloadable code, script, or a linked file.

19. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to Claim 11, wherein the object is a link to an object on a remote server, wherein further the object on the remote server includes any one of downloadable code, script, a link to a video file, a link to an audio file, or a link to a text file.

20. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to Claim 11, wherein the text field is a modeless prompt.

21. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having one or more computer-executable instructions that, when read, cause one or more processors to:

display an advisory that an action for an object associated with a webpage is blocked; and

display a description of the object.

22. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 21, further comprising one or more instructions that cause one or more processors to display an interactive prompt corresponding to the block to enable the action to be unblocked in response to a user action.

Claims 23 – 25: Canceled

26. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 21,

wherein the description of the object is displayed along with descriptions of further objects associated with the webpage having an action blocked, and

the computer-readable medium further comprises one or more instructions causing one or more processors to display another interactive prompt to display the action corresponding to the object and the actions corresponding to the further objects.

27. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 21, wherein the one or more instructions cause the

one or more processors to enable a user action to unblock at least one of the action corresponding to the object or the actions corresponding to the further objects.

28. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 21, wherein the one or more instructions cause the one or more processors to display the description of the object in response to a user action including clicking as a pointer hovers over a portion of the advisory.

29. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 21, wherein the object is embedded in the webpage, and includes any one of downloadable code, script, a popup window, and a linked file.

30. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 21, wherein the object is a link to an object on a remote server, and wherein further the object includes any one of downloadable code, script, a popup window, and a linked file.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the description of the object is displayed in accordance with descriptions of further blocked objects associated with the webpage, and

the method further comprises enabling an action that is appropriate for a particular one of at least the blocked object and the further blocked objects.

32. (Previously Presented) A user interface according to Claim 11, wherein the description of the object and a description of the action for the object are displayed in association with a listing of further objects and suppressed actions respectively corresponding to the further objects.

STATEMENT OF PRE-EXAMINATION

The Applicant respectfully submits that a pre-examination search was made at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office official web-site (www.uspto.gov), under class 709 (Electrical Computers and Digital Processing Systems: Multi-computer Data Transferring or Plural Processor Synchronizing), sub-class 232 (Computer-to-computer data transfer regulating); and under class 713 (Electrical Computers and Digital Processing Systems), sub-class 200 (Security).

The search was directed to the invention for which “special” status is petitioned, as required by MPEP §708.02, ¶VIII(C).

**REFERENCES DEEMED MOST CLOSELY RELATED
TO THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**

The following references, which pre-date the February 17, 2004 filing of the subject application, are deemed most closely related to the subject matter of Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 18-22, and 25-32, as presented above:

1. U.S. Patent 6,605,120 (Fields, *et al.*); Issued August 12, 2003.
2. U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0083474 (McKinlay, *et al.*); Published: April 29, 2004.
3. Mozilla Firebird browser (screen-shot);
4. Opera browser (screen-shot);
5. Google toolbar (screen-shot);
6. Microsoft IE® Internet Options Dialog (screen-shot of Security Settings);
7. Microsoft IE® Internet Options Dialog (screen-shot of Privacy Settings); and
8. Microsoft Office® 2003 UI (screen-shot).

DISCUSSION PURSUANT TO MPEP §708.02, ¶VIII(E)

MPEP §708.02, ¶VII(E) requires a submission of a discussion of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims. More specifically, the arguments are to have the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c).

The above-identified references have been carefully studied. The Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified references, either singularly or in various combinations, fail to teach or suggest the subject matter of Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 18-22, and 25-32, as presented above. That is, the Applicant submits that none of the attached references teach or suggest the claimed subject matter recited in Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 18-22, and 25-32, per the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

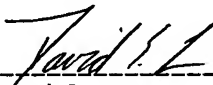
CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that, in accordance with the requirements of MPEP §708.02, ¶VIII, the present application should properly be granted "special" status. It is further submitted that Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 18-22, and 25-32, as presented above, are patentably distinguishable over the above-identified references. Therefore, early and forthright issuance of a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

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








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













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












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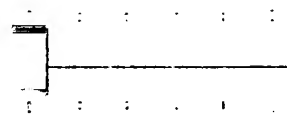
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